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Columbia Steel Works Will Reward Discoverer.

WANT SAND FREE FROM OXIDES FOR ELIMINATION OF BOSSES

Large Quantities of Silica Sand Are Now Being Shipped From Minnesota and Portland Manufacturing Concern Would Stimulate Search on This Coast.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 30.—You have printed articles at different times relative to the discovery of large bodies of silica sand, and the Oregon Development League desires to present \$100.00 to any reader of your paper or any citizen of Oregon or California, who will find this sand to fill the requirements demanded by the Columbia Steel Works of this city, who have made this offer through the League:

We will take one hundred tons each month of silica sand, 98 per cent pure silica and free from iron oxides, delivered at Portland at not to exceed \$6.00 per ton, and we will pay \$100.00 in cash to the discoverer.

Silica sand is now being shipped to Portland and other iron and steel manufacturing centres of the Pacific Coast from Minnesota. It has been frequently reported that large quantities of pure silica have been discovered, and the community that "makes good" in this instance has a greater source of revenue than gold or copper mines, lumber mills, or factories of any kind, for when a dependable quality of silica sand is found in quantities sufficient to supply the demand, all the iron works from the Gulf of California to Alaska, and from the Rocky Mountains west, will be customers. It may just as well be given to the public now as later that the steel trust and another combination of multimillionaires engaged in the production of iron and steel are investigating different points on the Pacific Coast with the idea of building another Pittsburgh.

Don't worry about the present freight rate. The discovery of a large quantity of silica sand would make a low rate necessary remember that the sand now comes from Minnesota. This is your opportunity. Send a sample to your nearest assayer to be sure you have the goods.

The year 1907 breaks all records in Portland, and what is true here is an index in a proportionate degree of every place between the Rocky Mountains and the Pacific Ocean, for this great section is the most prosperous part of America, and will continue to be. The increase in manufactured products has been 30 per cent; the sales of merchandise are considerably greater than in 1906. No year has brought so great an immigration. Postal receipts, exports and imports, the products from the farm and dairy, and those from the orchard, and every other resource by which prosperity can be pulsed, prove an unprecedented growth, and if we will only shake off this temporary impulse to hedge, 1908 can be made a still greater year.

BURNED IN STATION.

WHEELING, W. Va., Dec. 30.—Edward Hutchinson, a Baltimore & Ohio operator at Welcome, West Virginia, is believed to have been murdered early today and his body burned in the station. No trace of money or tickets can be found.

TEA

Schilling's Best is in packages; never comes out of a bin or canister.

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George A. Thacher Speaks of Initiative and Referendum.

Movement in Oregon Originated in a General Protest Against Political Boss Who Had Become Insufferable—Experience Shows Democracy Works Well.

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 30.—George A. Thacher of Portland, Ore., spoke of "The initiative and referendum in Oregon." He said in part:

"The campaign in Oregon for more democratic institutions began about ten years before the adoption of the initiative and referendum. The organization behind the movement were the Oregon Grange; the Knights of Labor and the Portland Federated Trades. The movement secured the aid of many of Oregon's leaders by its promise to eliminate the political boss and his kingdom. None of these leaders are more conservative today than they were ten years ago, but the supporters of all new movements are subject to that ebb of enthusiasm after victory. The political boss in Oregon adopted as high handed methods as were ever in vogue in Pennsylvania.

"The idea that party rule is necessary in a democracy; instead of being merely a convenient method, dies hard and causes many recriminations. The conditions in Oregon made people forget party rule.

"There have been many labored arguments to prove that a democracy must be a government of parties, but it is evident that United States history shows that the word 'party' has come to mean the party machine in a majority of instances, and that is the rule of the minority—hence all our municipal work. Under our system of checks and balances and party machines with their bosses, we do not have nearly as much of a democratic government as we think we do, and the miseries we suffer from cannot be attributed to democracy at all.

"Whatever valid objections there may be to legislation by the voters, so far as polls the experience of Oregon, so far as it has gone goes to show that in directness and efficiency the action of the people compares remarkably well with the work of the legislature. It is not unreasonable to assume that any organization that wishes to get a measure referred to the people under the initiative will take rather more pains to have it well drawn and as clear and simple as possible, than a member of the legislature would do in proposing a bill to that body, to say nothing of the chance of having his bill mutilated in the committees of two houses and emasculated by amendments on the floor. I am aware that the latter form of procedure is supposed to make for prudence and care, but I doubt if any careful student of legislation by congress for straight bodies will seriously maintain that practice confirms the theory.

"The movement in Oregon originated in a general protest against the political boss who had become insufferable. To be sure his place has been taken by self-constituted leaders and the result had been that partisanship promises to become a personal matter instead of a party matter. That is a grievous thing to the old school party leaders. They would applaud any to anyone who would 'assist' on the part of the people they profess to fear that the people would select as good men for office as under the old regime.

"As for Oregon's part in devising an ideal society, the results are entirely tentative so far. The few years of experience have shown that democracy works well. The people are interested in public questions and that will lead to working knowledge."

HOLD UP AGENT.

Robber Secures But Small Sum For His Trouble.

TACOMA, Dec. 30.—A man who was either a negro or disguised as such, at 7 o'clock last night, finding Agent Rice at the Northern Pacific depot at Puyallup alone, walked in and leveled a revolver at the agent's head and commanded him to hold up his hands, which was readily complied with.

"Open the safe and give me what's in it."

Rice unlocked the safe and drawing out the cash drawer, which contained but \$10, the remittance for the day having been sent to headquarters, gathered it up and backed his way out of the station. The Tacoma dispatcher's office was apprised of the holdup and messages were sent in every direction with the hope that the bandit would be captured at some outlying station. The robber wore no mask and if he had not blackened his face and hands Rice says the robber was a negro.

WOULD CHEAT GALLOWES.

Pettibone Very Sick and Will Not Live Long.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 30.—Even though George A. Pettibone should be convicted of the murder of ex-Governor Steunenberg, for which he is on trial, he would cheat the gallows. It was learned today that his physicians hold out no hope for his recovery from the disease from which he has been suffering for the past six months, and that at best he has but a few months to live. Pettibone was taken to a hospital last night in a critical condition, but today is much improved. He was unable to appear in court, and adjournment was taken until tomorrow, when it is possible he will be in condition to return to the jail.

The delay may be indefinite, however, and it is very generally predicted that the trial will never be finished.

Judge O. N. Hilton, of Denver, who figured conspicuously in the Goldfield troubles recently as attorney for the Western Federation of Miners, was entered as an attorney for the defense today. In case the trial reaches the summing up stage, Hilton and Nugent will make the closing arguments to the jury in behalf of the defendant.

REFUSES GOOD COIN.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 30.—"If the brethren have no objection, I would rather not take these five double eagles. They are new money and very pretty, but they lack the sacred motor which my mother taught me to look for on all our country's coins," said Rev. W. A. Jones, pastor of the Knoxville Presbyterian Church on the south side, turned back to the donors \$100 of a \$220 purse his congregation had given him as a Christmas present. The purse was made up in gold and the five objectionable \$20 pieces happened to be of the new issue which does not bear the "In God We Trust" motto.

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HIS SHIP WENT DOWN.

The man with the bronzed face and the rolling eye was entrancing his friends when Mr. Button entered just in time to hear him say:

"And so my ship went down with all hands."

"Went down?" queried Mr. Button excitedly. "But where were you?"

"I was in the captain's cabin at the time," said the bronzed one. "We sank slowly, but surely, and scarcely a ripple was left to mark the spot."

"How sad!" said Mr. Button. "But, still, I suppose you forced your way out of the cabin and managed to swim ashore, eh? Or were you taken off by a passing vessel?"

"No, I wasn't," said the bronzed one. "I just stood where I was."

"Look here," said Mr. Button seriously. "You say you were locked in a cabin and made no effort to escape, and yet here you are safe and sound before us! Is this a tale of the horse marines?"

"Not exactly," said the salt. "It's a tale of the submarines. That was the sort of ship I was aboard."

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"Humph! Uh—er—say, what would you call your wife, a pessimist or an optimist?"—Cleveland Press.

Those Wicked Clubs.
Doctor (to wife whose husband is ill)—Is not your husband a hypochondriac? Wife—Oh, doctor, he doesn't belong to any society at all!—Mogendorfer Blatter.

It is better to lose all in the search for good than to be content with the worst.—Van Dyke.

Mind is the partial side of man. The heart is everything.—Rivarol.

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